

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 1-6, 8-14, 57, 59-65, 74-91, and 111, without prejudice or disclaimer, to place this application in condition for allowance.

Prior to this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, claims 1-6, 8-33, 35-40, 42-44, 46, 47, 49-53, 55, 57, and 59-112 were pending in this application. Of these pending claims, claims 15-33, 35-40, 42-44, 46, 47, 49-53, 55, 66-73, 92-110, and 112 have been allowed. This Amendment cancels all rejected claims, leaving only allowed claims in this application. Without necessarily agreeing to the rejections in the final Office Action, the rejections are rendered moot by cancellation of all the rejected claims.

Applicants respectfully request that this Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing this application in condition for allowance.

The final Office Action contains a number of statements and characterizations regarding the claims and the related art. Applicants decline to necessarily subscribe to any statement or characterization in the final Office Action, regardless of whether it is addressed above.

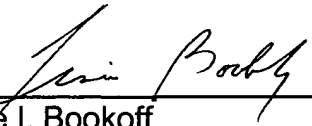
Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case, he is invited to call the undersigned at 202-408-4140.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Reply and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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